

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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COUNTY LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER OPENS SUNDAY IN RAMONA

San Diego County Firestorm Recovery Team Launches Second "One-Stop Shop" Center

WHO: Dianne Jacob, Vice Chair, San Diego County Board of Supervisors

WHAT: Opening of San Diego County Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Ramona

WHEN: 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2

WHERE: 325 Sixth St. (site of former post office)

Ramona

WHY: The San Diego County Firestorm Recovery Team is opening "one-stop shop" Local

Assistance Centers (LACs) to help County residents affected by the wildfires to reclaim their lives. The Ramona center is the second to open in San Diego County; the first opened today in Alpine. A third center is scheduled to open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4 in Valley Center. Assistance will be available from: San Diego County building officials, mental health professionals, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, American Red Cross, California Office of Emergency Services, Small Business Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Property Tax

Reduction Information, utilities, and various volunteer services.

All the centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Address for the third center is 28565 Cole Grade Rd., Valley Center; the Alpine center is at 1347 Tavern Rd., Suite 30.

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